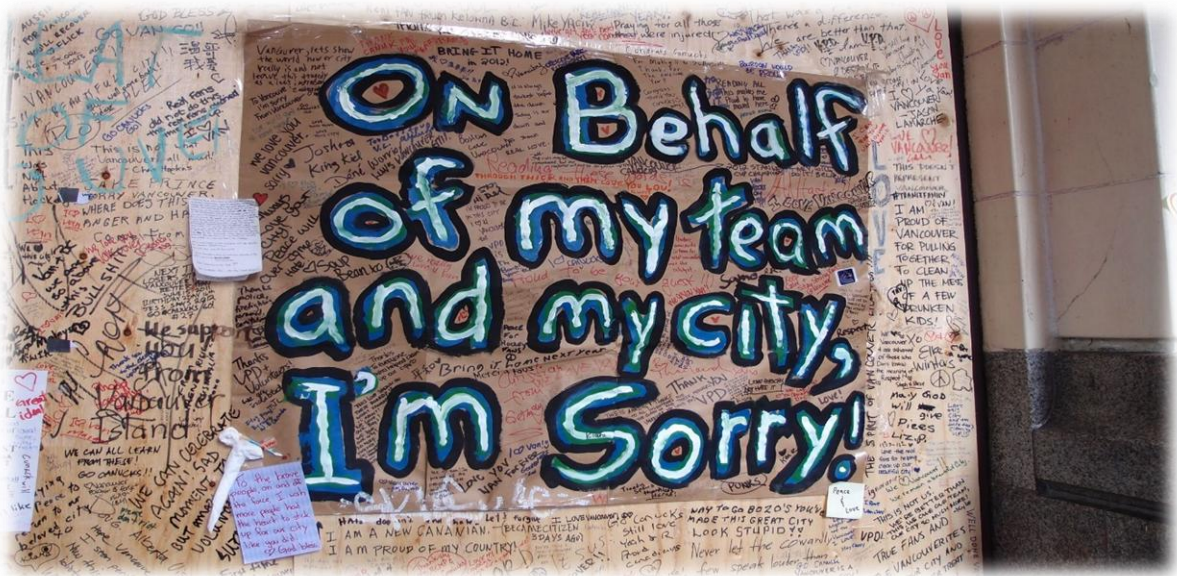




Apology from the "wall of shame" in Vancouver

Service for the Lord's Day

September 13, 2026

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Gathering Around the Word of Worship

Gathering Music

Mike Kanan

Striking of the Hour

Prelude

Dr. Nathaniel Brown

Welcome and Announcements

We Rise in Spirit and in Body

Call to Worship (responsive)

Our hearts are blessed as we gather before You today, O Lord,

for you have given us freedom from all our transgressions and joy in exchange for heavy hearts.

You are the refuge we seek when we are troubled

and the courage we need when we venture into our days.

Bless us today with Your steadfast love as we declare our trust in You.

For happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven, as we come with joy, rejoicing with shouts of praise, we worship God!

Opening Hymn 442

Just as I am, without One Plea

WOODWORTH

Call to Adoration and Confession

Psalm 103

As loving parents have compassion for their children, God has compassion for us. Confident in God's love and in grace we have received, let us confess our sins.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us - we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us - we have not forgiven others. You have loved us - we have not loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through and in Christ our Lord...A Silence is observed for Personal Confession.

Confessional Hymn

Lord, I Need You

C. Nichols, D.Carson, J.Reeves,
K. Stanfill, M. Maher

Lord, I come, I confess. Bowing here I find my rest
Without You I fall apart You're the One that guides my heart

Chorus

Lord, I need You, Oh, I need You, Every hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness. Oh God, how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more. Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord, I am free. Holiness is Christ in me

Repeat Chorus

Declaration of Good News (responsive)

The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. May the God of mercy, who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Thanks be to God.

Passing the Peace (responsive)

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and guide your minds. With this peace, let us greet one another saying, "The Peace of Christ be with you!"

And also with you.

A Time with Young Christians (children welcomed to the front of the sanctuary)

Hearing the Word

All Sit

Prayer for Illumination (unison)

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, and prepare our hearts to accept your word. Silence in us any voice but your own, that, hearing, we may also follow your way; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm Reading (responsive)

Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirit there is no deceit. While I kept silent, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. *Selah*. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them. You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with glad cries of deliverance. *Selah*

I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you. Do not be like a horse or a mule, without understanding, whose temper must be curbed with bit and bridle, else it will not stay near you. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem*Psalm 130*

Paul O. Manz

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice: Let Thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication. If Thou, Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who shall stand? But there is forgiveness with Thee that Thou mayest be feared. I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait, And in His word do I hope; My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning. Let Israel hope in the Lord for with the Lord there is mercy, And with Him is redemption, And He shall redeem Israel from, all his iniquities. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, World without end, Amen, Amen.

*All Stand***Gospel Reading**

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the Word of the Lord endures forever

Thanks be to God*All Sit***Sermon***Forgive and Forgive*

Rev. Patrick Lane

Responding to the Word*All Stand***Response Hymn 445***God, How Can We Forgive*

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*All Sit***Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

All Sit

Offering

Call to Offering

Exodus 15:13

God is unfailing in blessing and love. With thankful hearts, let us offer to God a portion of what God has given to us as we lift up before God the offerings and lives we have.

Offertory

All Stand

Doxology

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Almighty God, receive these gifts that we offer with grateful hearts and use our lives for the ministry of your chosen Son, Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray and present all things to You and the world. Amen.

All Sit

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

A Moment of Silence

*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.*

Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World

All Stand

Closing Hymn 693

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

Benediction

Postlude

Dr. Nathaniel Brown

¹Note: Created after the riots in the city of Vancouver after the Stanley Cup loss in 2011.

²Note: Today, Rev. Lane would like to offer you a **Prayer to Carry As You Go**—a simple, grounding blessing to hold onto as you step into the week ahead. Each Sunday, as you leave worship and return to your daily rhythms, use this short prayer to steady your spirit, remind you of God's presence, and accompany you wherever the week leads. Today's prayer is not just a closing thought; it's an invitation to walk with purpose, hope, and peace. May it become a rhythm that strengthens you, encourages you, and keeps your heart aligned with what matters most.

Prayer to Carry as You Go

Forgive us when we forget to praise You, when we turn Your love into legalism, Your freedom into slavery, Your promises and gifts into demands and duties. Forgive us when we forget we are Your people and we make Your church an exclusive club; forgive us when we forget that Jesus is our contemporary and we lock him up in forms and customs, words and structure. Forgive us, merciful God. Amen.

- from Methodist induction service, Aotearoa (New Zealand), "Prayers Encircling the World"

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Announcements

USHERS: Polen and Thomison families

CHOIR: Barbara Brindle, Trudy Burkeen, Tim Daniel, Craig Heller, Keelin Murrell, Beth Pope, Wayne Pope, Mack Overfelt, Sammy Del Ray, Diane Simmons, and Walker Woods

LITURGIST: Susan Thomison

MEDIA PERSONNEL: Claire Ellington

NURSERY: Yamilet Bruno Sanchez and Gabby Treju-Hernandez

TODAY

DEACON OF THE WEEK this week will be Brianna Trickey. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

BUCK IN A BASKET for today will go to support Living Water. Buck in a Basket Offering is a weekly opportunity to consider contributing during the offering for a particular mission not included in our regular budget.

THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP will meet today at Sankalp Restaurant, 110 Orange Ct. We hope you can join us for delicious food and great conversation. This group is for people who like to go out to eat after church and enjoy visiting with others.

THE BIBLE STUDY CLASS is studying The Book of Isaiah. Come join us in the Conference Room on Sunday mornings at 9:30. All are welcome.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION CLASS meets on Sunday mornings. This Fall, the class will be reading *The Universal Christ* by Richard Rohr. Join us in the 10th Street Parlor—there will be several copies of the book available to use there.

MAHJONG SMALL GROUP Season of Mahjong! Want to play? Want to learn? Bring your lunch and invite your friends! The group will gather after worship service on Sundays. Contact Margaret Stein at 270-779-2579 with any questions.

YOUTH MEALS We need volunteers to provide home-cooked or purchased meals for our youth during Sunday group meetings. If you'd like to help, the sign-up sheet is available in the church landing.

OTHER NEWS

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY will begin at 6:00 p.m. We will be studying: N.T. Wright and Michael Bird's book "The New Testament You Never Knew: Exploring the Context, Purpose, and Meaning of the Story of God."

FALL GIVEAWAY Cecelia Memorial is now accepting donations for this year's 7th Annual Fall Giveaway. The event will take place at Cecelia Memorial Presbyterian Church, 716 College St., Bowling Green, KY, on September 19, 2026, from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. There is a great need in our community, and your generosity can make a real difference. They are collecting school supplies, clothing for young men and women, gently used sports equipment, and music items. Every contribution helps meet a genuine need. Contact Lovelyn at lovelynab@yahoo.com; ceceliamemorial1234@outlook.com, text or call 619-368-2103 for drop-off location. Thank you so much for whatever help you can give. Lovelyn.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BRUNCH POTLUCK The potluck season begins! Please bring your favorite brunch potluck dish on Sunday, September 20. The meal will be served after our worship service in the Fellowship Hall. We will have a few omlette stations set up to add to your brunch plate. We will have Rodney Goodman, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity BG/WC, in attendance to speak about current and future projects for our community.

SAVE THE DATE Members and Friends, you are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall for our *Quarterly Movie Night* on Sunday, September 27 at 5:00 p.m. We'll be watching *Racing Stripes*, a fun and family-friendly film perfect for an evening of fellowship and relaxation. Come enjoy good company, popcorn, and a great movie. All are welcome — bring a friend and settle in for a delightful night together.

SAVE THE DATE Whether you love painting, knitting, crocheting, scrapbooking, card making, sewing, or any other craft, you're invited to join our *Creative Creations Small Group* on September 30 at 6:00 p.m. Come connect with others, share ideas, learn new skills, and enjoy a relaxing evening of creativity and fellowship. All are welcome — bring your favorite project or simply come to be inspired.

SAVE THE DATE Get ready for an evening filled with joy, laughter, and community spirit! Our *Community Hoedown* will take place on Friday, October 16 in Fellowship Hall, and everyone is invited to join in the fun. This event is Sponsored by The Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green, and is open to the entire community—whether you're an experienced dancer or stepping onto the dance floor for the very first time.

ADVENT DEVOTIONALS BOOK Christmas in October? Not quite, but that's when we'd like you to submit your devotional for this year's book! Michelle Fluit and Erika Solberg will again be collecting your words and pictures to help us prepare for Christmas. The sign-up sheet is available on the landing outside the chapel. The theme this year is "Until the Dawn." Please send your submission by October 2 to solberg770@gmail.com. For more information, a list of passages to choose from, and guidance on how to write a devotional, see the church website or contact Erika at the above email or at 270-202-5149.

BELLEWOOD & BROOKLAWN is working to strengthen connections with local families and community partners in the Bowling Green and surrounding areas. **Interested in learning more?** Complete the brief interest form, by scanning the QR Code.



OUR PRESCHOOL LEARNING CENTER has an amazon wish list. "*Teachers shape little minds but we can't do it without your help*" Each item helps support our teachers and students by providing classroom materials, learning tools, and supplies that make a big difference in our daily activities. To view the list and choose an item, visit the PLC Wish List today by scanning the QR code—every contribution, no matter the size, helps our little learners thrive!



LITURGIST NEEDED FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER A signup page is online for lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve one Sunday, please scan the QR code to visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. Thank you!



WELCOME VISITORS!

We invite you to pick up visitor's information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by the minister, officers, and congregation.

Clerk of Session: Debbie Trickey **Treasurer:** Steve Moore

Elders: Class of 2026- Pam Bratcher, Rachel Crocker, Claire Ellington, J.B. Hines, Susan Howard, Mike Kanan; Class of 2027-Sam Evans, Nathan Love, Susan Thomison, Debbie Trickey, Larry Warden; Class of 2028-Clark Carthrae, Buzz English, Julia Roberts, Julie Wedge; **Deacons:** Class of 2026-Phil Burkeen, Kim Ferguson, Kathy Higgins, Laura Parkerson, Dan Stelling, Brianna Trickey; Class of 2027-Trudy Burkeen, Georgeanna Capito, Sally Calkins, Nancy Carwell, Evan Goad, Frederica Kernohan; Class of 2028-Nancy English, Sharon Hendrix, Jan Morgan, and Margaret Stein.

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Calendar

Sunday, September 13

9:00 a.m. Coffee Fellowship
9:15 a.m. Sunday School Gathering
9:15 a.m. Children's Music
9:30 a.m. Sunday School Starts
9:45 a.m. Godly Play
10:30 a.m. Worship
11:45 p.m. Coffee Fellowship
12:00 p.m. New Member Class
12:00 p.m. After Church Eating Out Group
5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, September 14

9:00 a.m. God/Dog is Love
12:00 p.m. Circle 9
5:30 p.m. Finance Ministry Meeting
6:00 p.m. Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, September 15

11:00 a.m. Special Care
12:00 p.m. Inspirational Meditation (Cancelled)
3:00 p.m. Joyful Noise Makers
6:00 p.m. Session

Wednesday, September 16

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Group
5:00 p.m. Chancel Choir
6:00 p.m. Wed. Evening Bible Study

Friday, September 18

7:30 a.m. Men's Breakfast Group

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MEET AND CHAT If you would like to schedule a call or meet up with Pastor Patrick Lane, he has made the process simple and convenient. Just scan the QR code with your phone, and you'll be guided directly to his appointment page. It only takes a moment, and it ensures you can connect with him at a time that works best for you.

